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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## QUESTIONS ABOUT MEXICAN POLICY

DAVENPORT, IOWA.

SIR,—Introducing myself as a man who has for ten years or more been deeply interested in our neighbors to the south, who has lived with them, traveled about in their country, mingled with high and low, and has learned much about them, but who has no financial interest in Mexico either directly or indirectly, I want to congratulate you on your article in the December REVIEW, which I have only just now read. If more men of prominence, whose voices can be heard and whose writings cannot be ignored, had the courage of speaking out, no doubt public opinion, which means well, but is uninformed, would soon compel a change of policy.

I have for some weeks had lying in my desk a number of questions which I should like to propound to President Wilson, but, knowing from experience that letters from private, unknown citizens find no hearing or probably never reach their destination, I have refrained from sending them. They touch in part a phase which is not receiving much attention, and I take the liberty of intrusting them to you to use or not use, as you elect.

"Do you ever stop to think that the horrible butcheries which are now being enacted in a neighboring country are only made possible by the failure of our government to enforce the neutrality laws?"

"Do you ever consider that it is entirely by means of war material made in this country that hundreds of poor deluded men are being murdered?"

"Do you really believe that in a country where nine-tenths of the people cannot read a ballot a fair and free election by all the people is possible?"

"Do you think it fair to call a man guilty without trial, as is done in the case of President Huerta?"

"Do you believe that the notions of a foreigner should decide who is to be at the head of a nation's government rather than the laws of that land?"

"Do you not know that Huerta is the legal President of the United States of Mexico according to the law of that land just as much as you are the legal President here?"

"Does your conscience absolve you from all responsibility in the untold misery brought about by your refusal to recognize the only government existing in Mexico?"

"Are the bandits and highwaymen devastating the sparsely settled portions of Mexico entitled to the sympathy and help of a people standing for law and order?"

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